



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER

**Week 22 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Book Week

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 6 Trip to Polka Theatre – Macbeth Workshop

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery Open Morning – 9.30am

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – closing date for Nursery applications

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Trip to Natural History Museum

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Virtual Author Visit – Barbera Henderson

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Multi-Skills – Osterley Sports Hall

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Passion Play - 9.15am

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Feast of the Annunciation – Mass Y2-Y6 – 10.00am in Church

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening – 1.30pm onwards

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term – school closes at 1.15pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Summer term begins – 8.45am

### **Arch-Bishop Richard Moth**

Last night, I attended a meeting and Mass with our new Arch-Bishop Richard Moth at Ealing Abbey, together with headteachers and priests from the Western Area deaneries of the Diocese. It was a very joyful occasion and an opportunity to hear the Arch-Bishop's views on Catholic education. He spoke about the value of Catholic education, how it is essential in the formation of our children and young people, instilling Catholic Social Teaching and Gospel Values so that they can make an invaluable difference to society. It is very encouraging that he has made it a priority to meet with headteachers so early into his appointment, showing that he truly values our Catholic schools. He has asked that we pray for him as he takes on this new role, so please remember him in your prayers.

### **Nursery 2026**

We are hoping to extend our Nursery offering from this September to full days. Our warm and welcoming Nursery provision develops and nurtures the whole child, preparing them for a seamless transition to school. Our dedicated staff are experienced in meeting children's individual needs, developing essential skills and giving them the confidence to grow and develop foundations for a lifelong love of learning. If you have a child of Nursery age – 3-4 years, or who will be turning 3 in the next academic year- or know someone else who has, please email the office or drop in to find out more about how to apply. There will be a further Nursery Open Morning on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am, or please contact the

school office if you would like more information. Please submit Nursery applications for September 2026 to the office by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Sports News**

We have lots to catch up on Sport.

Our Girls Football Team competed in the Premier League Primary Stars Football Competition before half term. The event was held at Brentford FC Training ground in Osterley. 20 of the best teams in West London had qualified for separate girl and boys' competitions.

We were very excited to be there!

We played 6 matches and finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in our League. We were up against strong opposition, including club players. Well done to all our team players. Leila was an excellent Captain and midfielder with Maddie, Valentina and Hannah playing in defence, Margaret playing in Goal, Sienna and Bianca were strikers. Bianca was again our top scorer, and Josephine was our Player of the Match. It was a wonderful experience for the players, and we look forward to more competitions.

Our B Team in Boys Football played a friendly against William Hogarth School at Rocks Lane. It was the first time that they had played together. While they lost the game, they all made progress and are keen to play more matches. Giuliano was the Captain and Leonardo (Y4) was Player of the Match.

We took two teams to the Borough Netball Finals this week at Heathlands School.

Both teams played 7 matches, and ended up as runners up. Our captains were Valentina S (Y6) and Jahzara and our Players of the Match were Margaret and Caoimhe.

The A team had played several tournaments already this year and are really hard to beat their only defeat was 0-1 in the Final and we played the better netball.

The B Team took their chances and the team included a few new players who have joined our Friday Netball Club. They too lost the B Final by just one goal. Well done to all our players- we have a fearsome reputation in Netball!

Many congratulations to former pupils Carmela Remmer, who has been selected for the Ireland U17 Netball Team, and to Erin Liset, who has been selected for the U17 French Netball Team. These girls started playing Netball here at St Mary's and their love of the game is taking them on to international competition. We wish them all the best in the upcoming matches, and are proud to have played a role in getting them started.

### **Book Week**

Next week is Book Week in school, one of the highlights of our school year. This year is the National Year of Reading and we are promoting Reading for Pleasure throughout the year. Mrs Norris has organised a series of online and in-person Author Talks for our children so that we are talking about books together, discovering new authors and book series and really developing a love of reading. Our annual Book Character Dress Up Day will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. On this day, children should come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Book characters only please, no football outfits, Disney princesses or similar. We look forward to seeing the children's costumes, parents are always so creative!

### **PTA Quiz and Children's Cinema – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

We hope to see you there tonight from 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Pyjama Film Night for the children. £20 per adult, includes meal and quiz entry. £5 per child, includes film, popcorn and a drink. Quiz starts at 7.30pm. Thank you to our amazing PTA who have worked so hard to organise this, it is always a very entertaining evening!

## Celebrations



**Happy Birthday to** Eleighna (Y4), Elijah (Y4), Jack (YR), Orla (Y3), Connor (Y3), Holly (Y5)

### **Star of the Week**

Cooper (YR), Paul (Y1), Elsie (Y2), Yan (Y3), Harriet (Y4), Margaret (Y5) and Lilly (Y6)

### **Teacher's Award**

Adrian (YR), Zac (Y1), Althea (Y2), Catalina (Y3), Sadie (Y4), Isla (Y5) and Edoardo (Y6)

### **Reader Award**

Elena (YR), Jeremy (Y1), Vittorio (Y2), Sarah (Y3), Roman (Y4), Anais (Y5) and Wesley (Y6)

## **Wishing you all a wonderful Half Term,**

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher